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Developing Students to be Active Citizens: Community Engagement through Alternative Breaks

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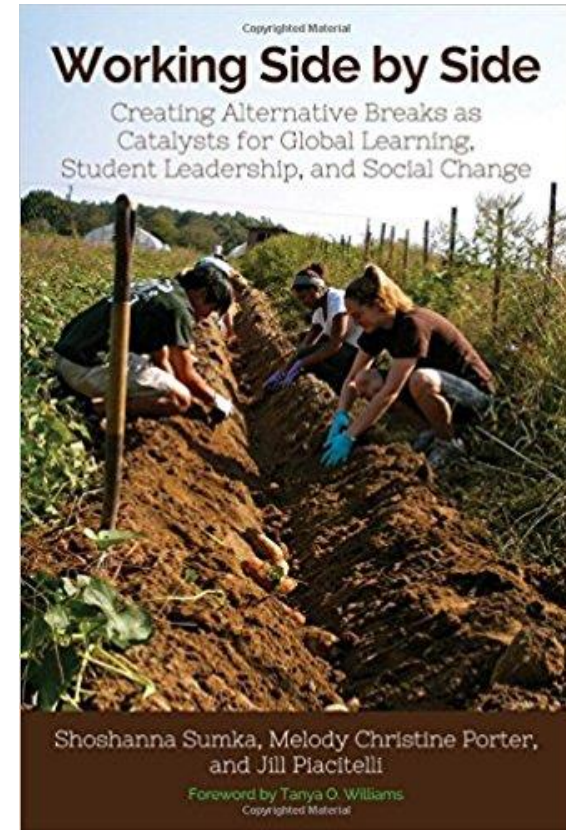
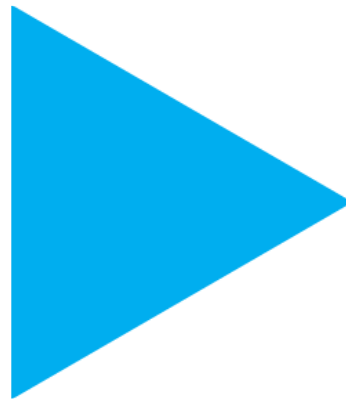
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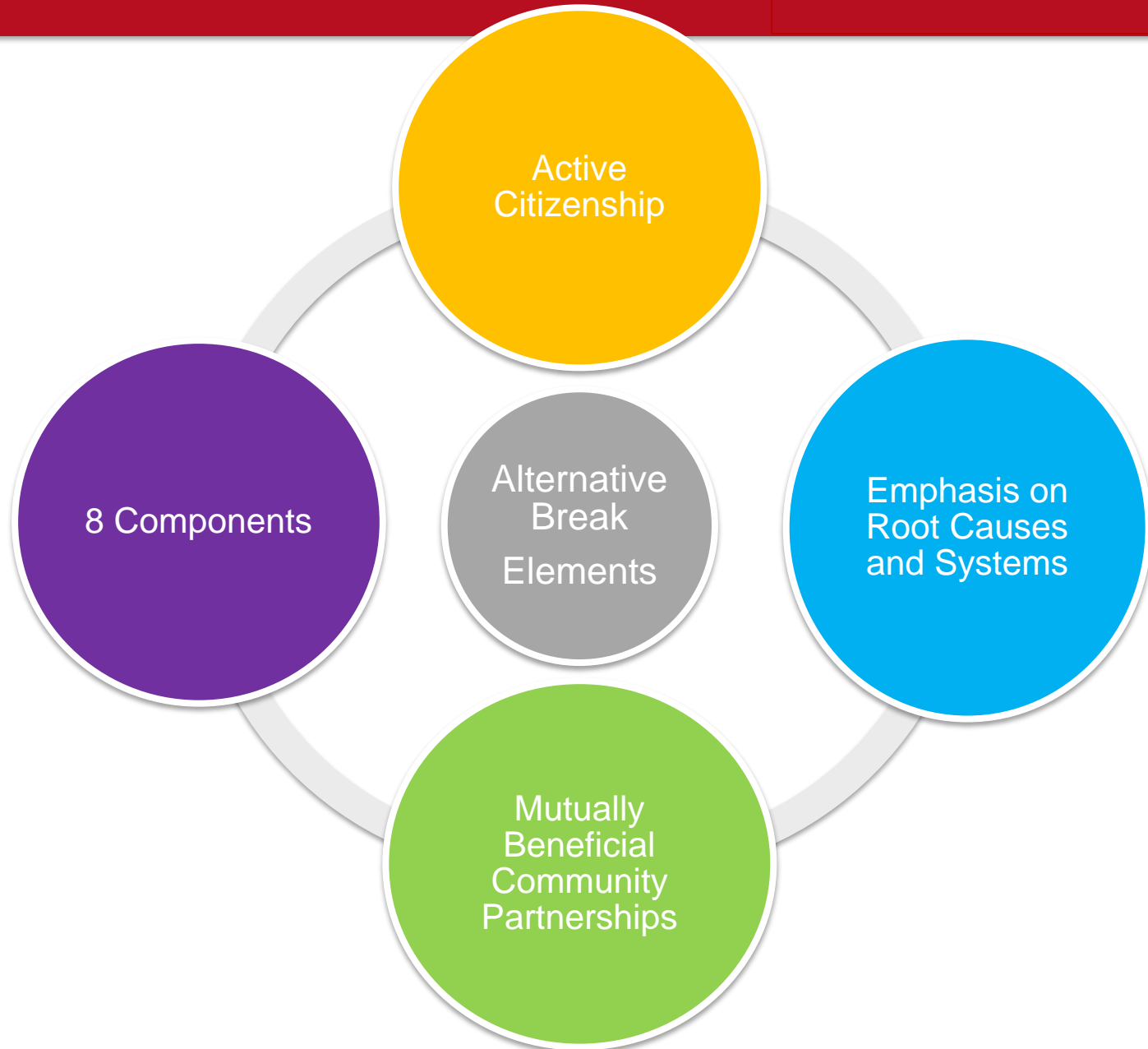
- **Alternative Breaks Defined:** Short-term, student-run immersion service trips with the goal to catalyze new thought and action among students through education, direct service, reflection and commitment to future action.
- **Alternative Break Outcomes:** Provide a transformational experience for students to think critically, take new action on social issues and engage in their communities throughout their lives in ways they wouldn't have otherwise.

My **actions** speak
louder than my words.

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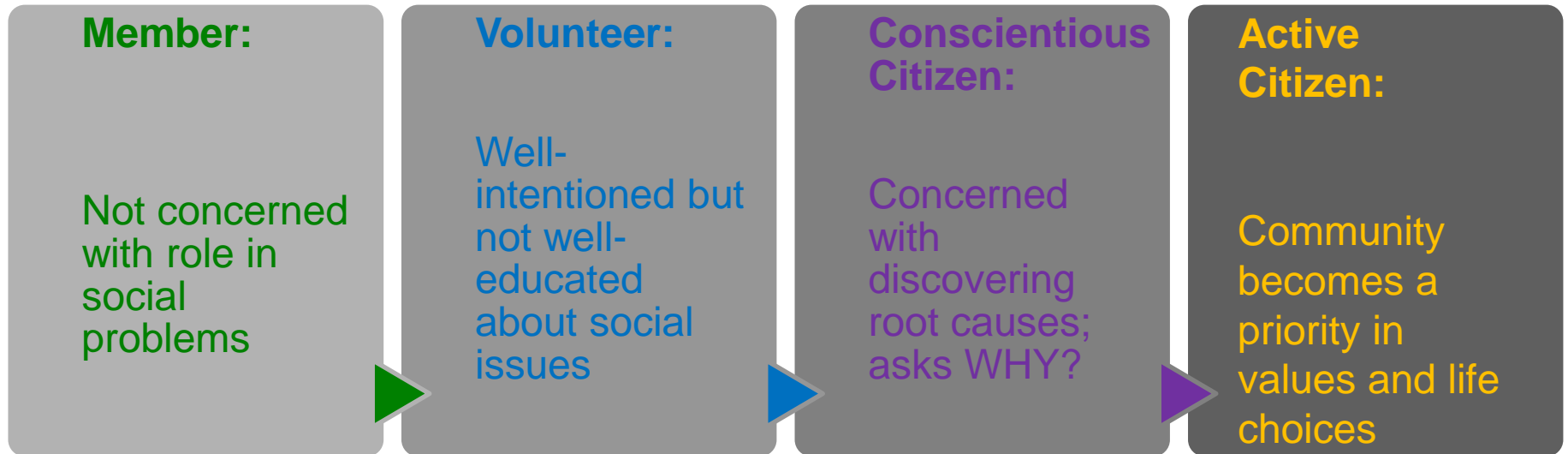
I am an 
alternative breaker

I am an 
active citizen





Active Citizenship Continuum



The development to describe the transformation of the volunteer's perspective of their place in society; a progression of questions, understanding and action to learn about social issues and address social issues in partnership with others.



8 Components of Quality Alternative Breaks

Diversity and
Social
Justice

Education

Orientation

Training

Strong Direct
Service

Full
Engagement

Reflection

Reorientation



Focus on Root Causes and Systems

Justice based vs charity based

Fix, Help, Serve



Community Partnerships

- Mutually agreed upon goals
- Capacity building
- Asset Based



Buck-I-SERV Alternative Breaks

3 times each year

Domestic and international

Staff

Advisory Board

Advisors

Leaders

Participants





Buck-I-SERV Today

- Celebrating 15 years!
- In 2015-2016 Buck-I-SERV received 1,839 applications for 1,207 available spots
- In 2015-2016 Buck-I-SERV sent 80 trips
- Since the founding of Buck-I-SERV, we have sent 7,296 students on trips
- Buck-I-SERV has travelled to 23 states and 7 countries
- Buck-I-SERV is the largest Alternative Break program in the country sending students on week-long service experiences
- To date, Buck-I-SERV has completed 512,885 hours of service



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